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LOK SABHA

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PENDING PROJECTS UNDER SGSY
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of proposals received from various State Governments under Swaranjayanti Gram Swarojgar Yojana (SGSY) are pending with the Union Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise/UT-wise; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government for the speedy clearance of such proposals ?

Answer

MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (DR. RAGHUVANSH PRASAD SINGH)

(a) to (c) A statement is laid on the table of the House.

Statement referred to in reply to parts (a) to (c) of Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 323 dated 7.12.2007

The details of number of special project proposals under Swaranjayanti Gram Swarojgar Yojana (SGSY) received from various States since inception of the scheme in April, 1999 indicating their status, State wise is given at Annexure. Since inception of the scheme, 794 proposals have been received by the Government, out of which, 236 projects have been sanctioned/approved so far, 421 project proposals have been returned to the concerned State Governments or other sponsoring agencies for various reasons such as non compliance with the guidelines of SGSY special projects, non viability of projects, lack of focus on Below Poverty Line beneficiaries etc. and 137 project proposals are with the Government at various stages of processing including proposals referred to technical agencies for comments, proposals cleared by Project Screening Committee but yet to go to Project Approval Committee etc.

A large number of special project proposals under SGSY are received from State Governments and other Agencies for sanction. Since they are large livelihoods projects whose cost can go up to a maximum of Rs. 15 crore, such proposals are first scrutinized for their compliance with the guidelines of Special Projects under SGSY, mainly relating to focus on beneficiaries from families Below Poverty Line (BPL), commitment for 25% matching share of project cost by the State Governments, inclusion of credit component, etc. Projects that do not fulfill these requirements are returned to the concerned State Governments. The State Governments keep on revising, restructuring and resubmitting such proposals. The proposals are also sent for obtaining technical comments of the concerned line Departments/agencies, wherever necessary. The project proposals which comply with the basic parameters of the guidelines are then appraised through two Inter- Ministerial Committees for screening and approval. The projects are first examined and screened by the Project Screening Committee (PSC) headed by Joint Secretary (SGSY) with members from the Internal Finance Division and the Planning Commission. The projects cleared by PSC are finally considered and approved by the Project Approval Committee headed by Secretary, Ministry of Rural Development, with Additional Secretary and Financial Adviser, Ministry of Rural Development, Advisor (Rural Development), Planning Commission and Joint Secretary (SGSY) as members. Receipt of project proposals, their revision by the sponsoring State Governments and their appraisal and approval through the above two tier Inter Ministerial Committees is a continuous process. It is also proposed to revise the existing guidelines of special projects under SGSY to bring them in line with present priorities. Since appraisal and approval /clearance of proposals is a continuous process and depend on various factors like their fulfilling the prescribed guidelines, economic viability of the proposals, BPL focus of projects, etc., no time frame can be indicated for final clearance of such project proposals.